

UNDERWRITERS HOLD MEETING

Assign Number of Losses in Business Section to Adjusters.

Deprecate the Employment of Compromisers by Fire Victims.

Three meetings were held by the Fire Underwriters' Adjusting Bureau in Reed Hall, Oakland, yesterday. The first was that of the representatives of companies interested in the losses at Santa Rosa. A committee had been previously named to investigate and report upon the damages in the Sonoma County town, but that body had not finished its work and was unable to submit complete findings yesterday. The final report of the committee is to be used as a basis for adjusting the losses in Santa Rosa.

At the meeting of the general organization of the Fire Underwriters' Adjusting Bureau the employment of attorneys by policy holders to collect claims and the operations of professional speculators and adjusters were discussed. The bureau has taken cognizance of the impression that has gone abroad that the underwriters are opposed to policy holders retaining lawyers to look after their interests. This impression is declared by the insurance men to be a false one, and T. C. Coogan, attorney for the Fire Underwriters' Bureau, says that the companies will be pleased to deal with lawyers in matters relative to claims.

The underwriters deprecate the employment by victims of policy holders of professional adjusters and compromisers who profit off of discounts and commissions. The bureau adopted a resolution declaring that the companies preferred to deal directly with the assured in settling losses rather than with speculators who are preying and profiting upon the fears of the policy holders.

The bureau also decided to cooperate with Insurance Commissioner E. Myron Wolf in obtaining the names and addresses of persons who may have had policies destroyed in the fire. The general adjusting committee yesterday assigned the following losses to be adjusted:

- Deere Implement Company, 1318-24 Townsend street.
- The Family Club, Inc., 228 Post street.
- The Stanley Taylor Company, 656 Mission street.
- C. A. Hug, 308-15 Bush street.
- Ontis Elevator Company, 699 Howard street and 16-18 Tehama street.
- C. A. Murdoch, 532 Clay street.
- Dolliver & Bro., 619 Mission street.
- J. H. Higgins, southeast corner Taylor and Washington.
- Livingston Bros., 123-29 Post street.
- General Security Company, 534-44 Howard, 37-45 Natoma.
- Behlow Estate Company, Geary street.
- London Stockton and Powell.
- The Western Meat Company, Sixth and Townsend streets.
- Isaac Upland building, Pine and Battery streets.
- E. A. Howard & Co., Cordes building.
- Alcizar building, 114-20 O'Farrell street.
- California Casket Company, 934-36 Mission street.
- M. J. M. Investment Company, 526-32 Turk street.
- Eagleson, Hawkins Company, 908-10 Market street.
- P. E. Degen Belting Company, 105-7 Mission street.
- American Box Factory, 825 Brannan street.
- Simmonds Saw Company.
- Claus Wreden Brewing Company, southeast corner Taylor and Lombard streets.
- Abern, Pohn & Bullwinkel, Inc., 638-44 Post street.
- Arnshein, Simon & Co., Market and First streets.
- Juda Bros., 329 Market street.
- E. G. Lyons & Raas Company, stock, 549-51 Mission street.
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- C. F. Weber & Co., 524-26 Market street.
- United Railroads, Howard and Tenth streets.
- Scourham, Carrigan & Hayden Company, 21-23 Beale street.
- Neustadter Bros., Sansome street.
- Gundlach-Burndach Vine Company, A. Aronson building, Third and Mission streets.
- Scourham Rubber Company, 457-59 Mission street.
- Berry Bros., 809 Mission street.
- Estate Julius C. Buckbee, 1716-22 Mission street.
- W. P. Fuller & Co., various locations.
- Claus Spreckels, Stevenson street, between Third and Fourth.
- Claus Spreckels, Bush street, east of Kearny.
- Claus Spreckels, 727-29 Market street.
- Claus Spreckels, 936-951 Market street.
- Metropolitan Hotel, Third street, between Minna and Sherwood place.
- Schuster Bros., 17-21 Third street.
- J. Malandri, 110-12 O'Farrell street.
- Board of State Harbor Commissioners.
- R. Reis & Son, 24-26 Sansome street.
- Dunstan Hotel, Van Ness avenue and Sutter street.
- American Cream Tartar Company, North Point and Dupont streets.
- Lewis Anderson, Ford & Co., 24-26 East street.
- I. N. Eisenberg, 1384 Market street.
- A. J. McNicol Elevator Company, 207-2079 Second street.
- California Ink Company, 411-15 Commercial street.
- John D. Spreckels, Stevenson street, between Third and Fourth.
- John A. Roebling & Sons Company, 25-27 Fremont street.
- Properties of Roman Catholic Archbishop—St. Rose's Church, St. Patrick's Church, St. Joseph's Church.
- The Louvre, Eddy and Powell streets.
- California Saw Works, 298-12 Mission street.
- W. R. S. Foye, Fremont street, near Market.
- Scott & Van Arsdale, Stockton street, between Sutter and Bush.
- Scott & Van Arsdale, southeast corner Stockton street and Union Square avenue.
- Scott & Van Arsdale, 687 Bush street.
- Scott & Van Arsdale, 300-12 Sutter street.
- United Cigar Stores Company, 47-49 First street.

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WANT REBATE FOR RENTERS

Realty Board Suggests a Plan Favoring the Tenants.

Examines That Tax on All Mortgages Be Rescinded.

The members of the San Francisco Real Estate Board, after a thorough canvass, have approved of two recommendations before the directors of the board which have more than common interest at this time. The first is that landlords shall be requested to pay back to tenants, pro rata, according to the time premises were actually occupied or for the time that it was possible to occupy them, rent moneys that were paid in advance for the full month of April, 1906. The second is that the committee considering matters that should be included in a call for a special session of the California Legislature shall be advised that it is the opinion of the real estate houses of the board that the mortgage tax on real estate should be repealed. To accomplish this it will be necessary to amend the constitution of the State of California.

President Howell of the Real Estate Board explains the reasons that are back of these recommendations. He said yesterday that it was but just, considering the circumstances that deprived tenants of the full use of properties that they had paid rent for the entire month of April, that there should be a rebate for that part of the period that has elapsed since the morning of April 18 on premises that were rendered unsafe by earthquake or by fire. He hoped, and such was the wish of the real estate men in the board, that the landlords would adopt this view and that they would refund proportionately. He considered the argument to be all one way in that matter.

Regarding the proposition to amend the constitution so that the bank or other lender who accepts a mortgage on real estate in California as security for coin shall not pay a mortgage tax Howell advanced the old argument that the borrower really pays the tax on a mortgage because the money lender puts on an interest enough to cover the full face of the tax, or about 2 per cent. The present system, brought into vogue by the constitution Howell said was, in the opinion of the board, that the active and associate members of the San Francisco Real Estate Board, to be cumbersome and of no advantage to business.

The directors as members of the board have approved of the two measures mentioned so that their action as a board is considered to be certain of approval on formal vote.

PILOT TELLS HOW THE EARTHQUAKE FELT AT SEA

Soundings Taken On Bar Since Big Shake Show No Change of Depths.

Captain McCullough, bar pilot, was bringing the collier Wellington in from sea the morning of April 18, and gave a graphic description of how the earthquake felt at sea.

"We were off Diablo in about fifty fathoms of water," he said yesterday. "When the earthquake shook us up, the Wellington shivered and shook like a springless wagon on a corduroy road. The sensation at first was as if the big steamer was jumping from one gravel bank to another and it seemed as if she would jar her sides out. As the shaking gained in intensity it seemed as if she was blowing out boiler tubes, an explosion every second."

"It was a terrifying experience and none of the unannounced was taken off by the fact that the sea was smooth as glass and showed not a ripple when the shaking was at its worst."

Since the earthquake the pilots have made careful and extensive soundings on the bar and so far have found no change in depths.

WAVES ROLL OVER LEVEES ON ISLANDS DURING QUAKE

Ditches on Reclaimed Lands Send Up Sheets of Water as if Squeezed by Giant Hands.

Persons who were on the reclaimed lands on the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers at the time of the earthquake say that the levees were not damaged by the temblor, though in some places the water from the rivers washed over them. It is believed that had the water been higher, great damage would have been done to levees.

At Ileton, on the San Joaquin, Chinese shacks built on stilts were driven down into the soft peat land, water rising up above them. The Chinese all escaped.

Across the tracts of reclaimed land there are ditches, and it is said that when the quake came the water squirted high into the air from these as if they had been squeezed together by giant hands.

The "floating" land of the islands trembled violently.

Memorial Day Observance. There was a preliminary meeting yesterday of representatives of the various local posts of the Grand Army of the Republic for the purpose of obtaining an expression of opinion as to observing Memorial day. The idea prevailed that exercises of a simple character should be held at the Presidio National Cemetery. No definite action was taken, however, it being decided to make arrangements to that end at a meeting to be called for next week.

NARRATE HOW THE FATAL SHOOTING AT RED CROSS AUTOMOBILE.

Witnesses Tell of Shots Fired at Red Cross Automobile.

Examination of Defendants Commenced Before Police Judge.

Interest in the fatal shooting of Major Heiser C. Tilden the morning of April 22 last was revived Tuesday by the preliminary examination before Police Judge George W. Simmons of the defendants T. Vance and E. S. Boynton, charged with murder. Among the witnesses who testified were the O. Crowley, Hugo Altschel, Dr. Albert Berger and Russell G. Seaman. Assistant District Attorney Ward represented the people and the attorneys Henderson and Saito, the defense.

Father Crowley having testified that he saw the dead body of Major Tilden shortly after the shooting, Hugo Altschel, coachman for I. W. Hellman, swore that he was in the automobile with the deceased and Russell G. Seaman when the shot was fired. They had come from the Fourteen-Mile House, and a automobile had been driven into the city and was parked in front of the witness and Seaman, jumped out, staggered to the sidewalk and dropped his hat. A few moments later a physician arrived and made an examination of the remains, finding a bullet wound near the heart. The witness heard no order to halt before the shots were fired. When police officers arrived they arrested the defendants and found the deceased lying upon the sidewalk. Examination of the body disclosed a gunshot wound under the collarbone, where the bullet emerged. He did not examine further. He said where the missile had entered the body.

Dr. Albert Berger testified that he heard the shots fired and saw the defendant lying upon the sidewalk. Examination of the body disclosed a gunshot wound under the collarbone, where the bullet emerged. He did not examine further. He said where the missile had entered the body.

On cross-examination Mr. Seaman confessed to having stated that he was sorry he had not shot the man he fired at. Andrew Burke, keeper of the Fourteen-Mile House, testified that Tilden was at his place the day of the shooting and that he saw the Red Cross signs on the auto.

Norman Peart testified he was a chauffeur employed by the General Electric Company on Golden Gate avenue; that the auto was in good condition when taken from the garage, but when brought back he thought it was out of order; that he saw the Red Cross sign on it and the bullet-holes in the machine.

Dr. Livingston Jenks, attorney for the defendants, testified that the witness testified that he received a Red Cross banner that was taken off the auto and that he afterward gave it to Police Officer Williams.

John R. McCue, who aided in the arrest of the defendants, swore that the Simmons admitted having shot at the auto and that Vance and Boynton made similar admission.

The hearing was then continued till tomorrow morning.

PIXLEY FINDS MANUSCRIPT AND HIS WIFE'S JEWELS

Frank Pixley's manuscript of the play he left in the St. Francis Hotel safe passed through the flames in good condition and in the course of time may follow the Burgomaster, King Dodo and the Prince of Pilsen in public favor. Mr. and Mrs. Pixley, who arrived Sunday from Japan, have left for Los Angeles where they will remain for a few weeks before going home.

In the St. Francis Hotel safe with the libretto of his unplayed musical comedy, Pixley left his railroad tickets and Mrs. Pixley's jewelry. The tickets were all right and the railroad tickets unharmed but in connection with the tickets Pixley tells of one of the curious freaks of the big fire.

"The tickets," said Pixley yesterday, "were in an envelope in a leather case. The leather case was in a cardboard box. The cardboard box was unharmed by the fire. When I touched the leather case it fell to my tickets. The leather was little more than ash and the envelope inside was charred black. To my surprise, however, the tickets were in perfect condition, nothing about their appearance indicating that they had been subjected to any unusual heat. I don't know the scientific answer but I do know that I was glad to find those tickets intact."

Five trunks filled with Pixley wardrobe stored in the St. Francis basement when the Pixleys went to Japan, were destroyed by the fire.

EARTHQUAKE ENDS VACATION.

Captain Bennett of Bennett & Goodall, has returned from Europe. Bennett left here on one of the Kosmos liners for Hamburg, intending to take a year's vacation, which he proposed to spend in a leisurely tour of Europe with his wife. He was in Hamburg when the earthquake and the accompanying fire opened the carnival of destruction in this city. Having large interests here Captain Bennett abandoned his vacation crossing the Atlantic on the first steamer and is here again ready to give the aid of his broad shoulders to the work of boosting San Francisco back to her old position on the map.

Mrs. Schiller is Restrained. Presiding Judge Graham has issued an order restraining Mrs. Lillian Schiller, wife of Otto Schiller, who is suing her for a divorce, from disposing of any of the community property belonging to the warring couple. Judge Graham recently rescinded his order restraining Schiller from drawing his money out of the bank.

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Guilty of Manslaughter.

TONOPAH, May 16.—John H. Hennessey, accused of the murder of Frank Ganah in Clifford last January and who has been on trial in the District Court here for the last three days, was today found guilty of manslaughter. The jury was out three hours. The defense made a strong case out of the fact that Hennessey had been threatened repeatedly.

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